

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Fluids comprising an aqueous acid, synthetic polymer, metal crosslinking agent and lactic acid or a salt thereof have particular applicability in fracturing subterranean formations of an oil or gas well. The lactic acid acts as a delaying agent. As a result,  
5 crosslinking of the synthetic polymer and metal crosslinking agent typically occurs at a temperature of 100° F. or higher.